

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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RESERVATION FOR SC/ST IN DEFENCE
MAHESHWAR SINGH

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government for providing reservation to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes in the recruitment to defence forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Appointments and selection to Armed Forces are made strictly on merit and no reservation on the basis of Caste, Community, area or class is provided.